REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to fix the errors in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 30 November 2009. Applicants have fixed the errors in the amendments to the specification. In addition, the amendment restates that the amendment is made to make minor editorial changes to claims 2-8 and to remove multiple dependencies the original claims. No new matter is added.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

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